

concerning the operation of the unit and the collection of delinquent accounts and debts. The collection unit may compromise, adjust and settle such accounts or debts without suit, if, in its judgment it is feasible and desirable to do so.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 66B(b), 66C, 66G, 66H(a), 66-I, and 66J(c) of Article 16 - Chancery, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 16 - Chancery

66B.

(b) [No] A bill or petition [shall] MAY NOT be filed or received by the clerk of the court [unless there is attached thereto] IF the consent or authorization of the State's attorney [of] FOR the county or city where the same is to be filed[,] IS NOT ATTACHED unless [the]:

(1) THE court directs otherwise after being satisfied by such affidavits and testimony as the court deems sufficient that the complaint is bona fide and meritorious[.]; OR

(2) THE BILL OR PETITION IS FILED ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.

66C.

(A) If the complainant or petitioner is [a public welfare official or if any other complainant or petitioner makes oath that he or she is without funds to obtain private counsel, it is the duty of the State's attorney of the county or city where the bill or petition is filed to act on behalf of the complainant or petitioner without charge and in such cases no prepayment] THE DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION OR A PERSON WHOM THE DIVISION APPROVES FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, THE COMPLAINANT OR PETITIONER SHALL BE REPRESENTED AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 88A, §59(D). WHEN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT SUBSECTION, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR LEGAL OFFICER REPRESENTS THE COMPLAINANT OR PETITIONER, HE SHALL HAVE THE SAME AUTHORITY AND POWERS GRANTED TO THE STATE'S ATTORNEY UNDER §§66D AND 66L OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) PREPAYMENT of court costs [shall] MAY NOT be required OF SUCH PETITIONERS.

66G.

The court, upon motion of the defendant alleged to be the putative father[, ] or upon its own motion, shall